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President: Mr. Akira MATSUI (Japan).

Present:

Representatives of the following States, members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Iraq, Japan, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Representatives of the following States, additional members of the sessional committees: Cameroon, Denmark, India, Iran, Madagascar, Mexico, United Arab Republic.

Observers for the following Member States: Australia, China, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey.

Observers for the following non-member States: Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland.

Representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; International Monetary Fund.

The representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Adnan Pachachi (Iraq), First Vice-President, took the Chair.

Order of consideration of agenda items

1. The PRESIDENT suggested that the item "Progress report on the establishment of the United Nations

Institute for Training and Research" should be deleted from the agenda, since the Director-General of the Institute had made a comprehensive progress report to the Second Committee on 17 November^{1/} and the subject had been debated at length in that Committee. He also proposed that the items should be considered in the order in which they appeared in paragraph 10 of the note by the Secretary-General concerning the agenda (E/L.1094), except that the order of consideration of the items entitled "Question of the establishment of an international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning" and "Review of the calendar of conferences for 1966" would be reversed, and that the Council should agree to add the item "Report of the Technical Assistance Committee" to its agenda. It had been the practice of the Council to discuss the report of the Technical Assistance Committee at its summer session but, since that Committee was to cease its operations at the end of the year, it would be convenient to consider its last report during the current session.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Composition of the Committee for Industrial Development (*concluded*) (E/4125)

2. The PRESIDENT pointed out that the recent General Assembly election of new members of the Council whose terms of office would begin on 1 January 1966 required the Council to decide on the composition of the Committee for Industrial Development after that date, since the membership of the Committee was composed of all members of the Council plus twelve additional members. The terms of office of a number of members of the Committee would expire at the end of 1965, and he proposed that the Council should hold no elections under agenda item 7 (a) and should amend the decision taken at its 1135th meeting by increasing the membership of the Committee for 1966 to thirty-two—the twenty-seven members of the Council plus the five additional members of the Committee whose terms of office did not expire on 31 December 1965 and which were not members of the Council, namely, the Federal Republic of Germany, Kuwait, Mexico, Poland and Turkey.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Continuation of the World Food Programme (*concluded*) (E/4127/Add.2)

3. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Council to General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 Decem-

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Second Committee, 987th meeting.

ber 1965, operative paragraph 9 of which requested the Council to review the General Regulations of the World Food Programme; a revised text of those regulations which had been submitted by the Intergovernmental Committee and had already been approved by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization, was given in document E/4127/Rev.2, annex II, and the Council was to consider whether it, too, approved the revised General Regulations.

4. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, in view of the position of his delegation with regard to the World Food Programme, which had been stated during the discussion of the subject in the Second Committee,^{2/} he wished his delegation's intention to abstain from approving the revised General Regulations of the Programme to be recorded in the summary record.

5. Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) asked that a similar reservation on the part of his delegation should be recorded in the summary record; his delegation's position had been clearly stated during the first part of the resumed session (1399th meeting). Moreover, his delegation had had little time to study the revised regulations, since document E/4127/Add.2 had not been issued until 14 December.

6. The PRESIDENT proposed that, subject to these reservations, the Council should approve the revised General Regulations of the World Food Programme.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Review of the calendar of conferences for 1966 (concluded) (E/4116, E/4135; E/L.1099 and Corr.1)

7. Mr. VIAUD (France) pointed out that the draft resolution on the pattern of conferences reproduced in the annex to document E/4135 had not yet been adopted by the General Assembly.^{3/} It was therefore unlikely that the Council could usefully review the calendar of conferences at its current session and it might be advisable to defer the proposed review until the forty-first session of the Council.

8. The dates proposed for the forty-first session of the Council in document E/4116 were 5 July to 5 August 1966. He understood that the session was beginning a week later than usual in order to give the Secretariat more time to prepare the necessary documentation. His delegation would be glad, however, if the opening of the Council's summer session could be advanced to 29 June, which would enable the work of the session to be completed within the month of July. Such a change would make it necessary to appoint an earlier date for the proposed joint meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (E/L.1099 and Corr.1); he suggested that those meetings should be held on 27 and 28 June, instead of on 1 and 4 July, if it were possible for the Secretary-General, who was to attend the meetings and the opening meetings of the Council, to revise his time-table.

^{2/} *Ibid.*, 1014th meeting.

^{3/} Subsequently adopted as resolution 2116 (XX).

9. No dates had been fixed for the second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme. His delegation suggested that, in order to enable the delegations concerned to make the necessary arrangements, the Council should decide, in principle, that the second yearly session of the Governing Council should be held at Geneva, or in any other place agreed to by the members of the Governing Council from year to year. The Governing Council itself would, at its first session in January 1966, decide on the date of its second session and his delegation would have no objection if that session were to take place during the period 13 to 24 June, which had been set aside for the session of the Technical Assistance Committee.

10. Mr. QUIJANO (Argentina) said that his delegation accepted the arrangements proposed in the calendar of conferences for 1966 (E/4116) and the Secretary-General's suggestions for a review of the pattern of conferences (E/L.1099 and Corr.1).

11. His delegation supported the suggestions made by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 6 and 7 of document E/4135. If the Council were to take action during its forty-first session on the matters covered by the draft resolution submitted to the General Assembly, its subsidiary organs should immediately begin their study of ways in which their programmes and activities could be rationalized.

12. Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) pointed out that General Assembly resolution 2089 (XX) of 20 December 1965, required the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development to report to the summer session of the Committee for Industrial Development, which was to begin on 26 April 1966. The calendar of conferences made no provision for a meeting of that Committee or for a meeting of the Committee on a United Nations Capital Development Fund. He asked whether the Secretariat could provide some information on those matters.

13. Mr. KITTANI (Secretary of the Council) said that the period from 5 to 16 April 1966 had been fixed for the session of the Ad Hoc Committee. A recent General Assembly resolution (2042 (XX)) required the Committee on a United Nations Capital Development Fund to take into account a matter which was to be discussed at the fourth session of the Trade and Development Board in August/September 1966, and it was therefore expected that the next meeting of that Committee would take place in early September 1966.

14. Mr. FERNANDINI (Peru) said that the time allotted for the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (5-16 April 1966) seemed to be too short. He suggested that the Preparatory Committee's session might be lengthened and that the session of the Committee for Industrial Development, which was to meet on 26 April 1966, should be correspondingly shortened.

15. Sir Keith UNWIN (United Kingdom) and Mr. FAESLER CARLISLE (Mexico) supported the Peruvian proposal.

16. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee should be allowed to extend its session for a few days but thought it would be difficult for it to meet earlier than April.

17. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development should hold a two-week session beginning on 28 March 1966, with the possibility of an extension of a few days if necessary.

It was so decided.

18. Mr. WALDHEIM (Austria) drew attention to the joint meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination which, according to the Secretary-General's proposal (E/L.1099, para. 5), were to be held on 1 and 4 July 1966 on the eve of the Council's forty-first session. He did not feel that two days would be enough for those meetings and proposed that more time should be allotted to them.

19. Mr. KITTANI (Secretary of the Council) said that any rearrangement of the joint meetings would have to take into account the time-tables of the Secretary-General and of the heads of the specialized agencies. The question of the timing of the Council's forty-first session and of the joint meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination might best be left to the Council's fortieth session.

20. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Council should decide at its fortieth session whether the forty-first session should convene on 5 July or one week earlier and on what dates the joint meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should take place.

It was so decided.

21. The PRESIDENT pointed out that the references to meetings of the Technical Assistance Committee should be deleted from the calendar, since that body no longer existed. The calendar should also include meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination from 16-25 May 1966 and from 31 May to 8 June 1966. He proposed that the Council should adopt the calendar of conferences for 1966 (E/4116), as amended.

It was so decided.

22. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Council should call the attention of its subsidiary organs to the actions taken by the General Assembly regarding the pattern of conferences and to consider those actions itself at its forty-first session at the same time as it considered General Assembly resolution 2097 (XX) entitled "Review and reappraisal of the role and functions of the Economic and Social Council", as well as in connexion with the calendar of conferences for 1967.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Question of the establishment of an international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning (E/4126 and Add.1)

23. Mr. RAMACHANDRAN (India) recalled that as early as the thirty-seventh session of the Council India had offered to provide host facilities for the proposed institute for documentation on housing, building and planning. His Government wished to repeat that offer now and it should be embodied in the draft

resolution on the subject recommended by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (E/4126, para. 1). As, however, there was little time to discuss that resolution, the matter might be postponed until the forty-first session.

24. Mr. FERNANDINI (Peru), Mr. FIGUEROA (Chile) and Mr. Amjad ALI (Pakistan) stressed that the draft resolution should be adopted immediately by the Council and that the Secretary-General's report on his consultations should be considered at either the fortieth or the forty-first session.

25. MR. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) said that the Secretary-General could report on the matter either to the fortieth or to the forty-first session. In the former case the report might be preliminary, whereas in the latter case it would be more detailed. Naturally, the Secretariat would take the Indian offer into account.

26. Mr. VIAUD (France) suggested that the Council should adopt the draft resolution at present and consider an initial report by the Secretary-General at the fortieth session and a more complete report at the forty-first session.

27. Mr. RAMACHANDRAN (India) proposed that operative paragraphs 2 and 4 of the draft resolution should be amended to refer to the Governments of both Italy and India and that the Secretary-General should be requested in paragraph 6 to inform the Council on the implementation of the resolution at the forty-first session.

28. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested that a decision on the draft resolution should be deferred until the fortieth or forty-first session of the Council, by which time the consultations envisaged in operative paragraphs 4 and 5 could have been held. The question of establishing the institute had been discussed in some haste in the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and required further study. More specifically, the mention in operative paragraph 5 of "funds obtainable from the regular United Nations budget" was in clear contradiction with the Secretary-General's statement in paragraph 3 of document E/4126/Add.1 that the costs of United Nations institutes had normally been provided without recourse to the regular budget. His delegation supported the latter view and considered that consultations must continue.

29. Mr. MacLAREN (Canada) said that in the discussions leading to the approval of the draft resolution the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning had reduced the terms of reference of the proposed institute. Paragraph 55 of the Committee's report, however, which appeared in the annex to document E/4126, did not take that reduction into account, so that the number of staff mentioned was too high. Meanwhile, the full report (E/4124) had not been issued. In the circumstances, his delegation would not object either to a vote on the draft resolution, if its reservations were recorded, or to a postponement of the vote. He hoped that the Secretary-General's report to the Council under operative paragraph 6 would deal with the size of the institute in the light of the decision reflected in the draft resolution.

30. Mr. FERNANDINI (Peru) said that the draft resolution had been adopted by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning by 18 votes to none, with 1 abstention, and was very important to developing countries. He accepted the Canadian representative's remarks and had no objection to the Indian amendments, but felt that a vote should be taken on the draft resolution at the current session.

31. Mr. FIGUEROA (Chile) shared that view.

32. Mr. VIAUD (France) said that his delegation was prepared to adopt the draft resolution as it stood. Once the decision of principle had been taken, the Secretary-General could undertake further study and report back to the Council. He did not think that the contradiction pointed out by the Soviet Union representative really existed, since the institute could be established without appropriations under the regular budget. He would not object to the deferment of the item, however, if the Secretary-General could submit a report for the fortieth session of the Council; the item could then be disposed of finally at the forty-first session.

33. Sir Keith UNWIN (United Kingdom) proposed that the Council should take no action at that time on the draft resolution in document E/4126 but should request the Secretary-General, in the light of the

Council's discussion, to undertake the further consultations envisaged in operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of that text, and to report to the Council at its fortieth session.

It was so decided.

34. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he had not objected to that decision, on the understanding that in undertaking the consultations envisaged in operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the draft resolution the Secretary-General would rule out the possibility of financing the institute from the United Nations regular budget, in accordance with paragraph 3 of document E/4126/Add.1.

35. Mr. ROOSEVELT (United States of America) hoped that the Secretariat would be able to submit a revised statement of the financial implications of the draft resolution to the Council at its fortieth session.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/4134 and Corr.1)

The Council took note of the report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/4134 and Corr.1).

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.